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**MTA Board Meeting**

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**Crenshaw/LAX Line**

**Leimert Park Village Station**

Leimert Park Village in South Los Angeles is a vitally important cultural destination in the city and county of Los Angeles that must be connected to the regional rail and busway network.

The MTA Board already has decided that the section of the Crenshaw/LAX Line will be an underground light rail line near Leimert Park and directed that bids be solicited that included the design and construction of a Leimert Park/Vernon underground station ("station").

The current MTA Board direction states that the station will be included in the final project definition only if the recommended bid with the station was less than or equal to the year of expenditure level of \$1.763 billion.

This fiscally responsible direction was based on the information available for the project at that time.

The most recent cost estimate for the station is \$110 million (\$110,451,560) in 2013 dollars (MTA Preliminary Engineering station estimate, 2013), or an estimated \$120 million (assumptions: construction starts FY 2014, 3-year schedule build-out, 3.5% annual Federal Transit Administration inflation rate).

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However, now the MTA Fiscal Year 2014 Proposed Budget includes \$460.5 million in uncommitted funds that can be used to fund the station in the event the recommended bid with the station causes the project costs to exceed the \$1.763 billion funding level.

In addition, a recent motion by Council member Bernard Parks approved by the Los Angeles City Council commits \$40 million toward the design and construction of a Leimert Park Village station and \$15 million toward the design and construction of a Westchester “Hindry” station.

As such, there is sufficient funding available to make a definitive commitment and establish a project budget to include the construction of both of these stations as part of the Crenshaw/LAX line.

WE THEREFORE MOVE that the MTA Board amend the Fiscal Year 2014 Proposed Budget to include funding for an underground station at Leimert Park Village and an at-grade station at Hindry (“stations”) as part of the baseline project.

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WE FURTHER MOVE that the MTA Board direct the CEO to:

1. Add \$135 million to the Life of Project Budget for the Crenshaw/LAX project as a reserve for the design and construction of the station from the following sources of funds:
  - A. \$80 million from “Government Funds: General Funds, FY 14 Estimated Ending Fund Balance” (Fiscal Year 2014 Proposed Budget, p.38); funds to be appropriated as part of the Fiscal Year Adopted Budget
  - B. \$55 million from the City of Los Angeles
2. Secure a legally binding agreement with the City of Los Angeles for the \$55 million for the design and construction to cover the incremental cost of the stations above \$80 million

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